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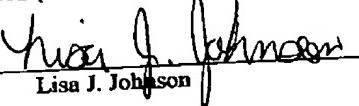
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**AMENDMENT AFTER REJECTION**

This paper is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 27, 2006. It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification - none.**

**Amendments to the Claims - begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Drawings - none.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.**